

226.1 Official designation — definitions.

1. The state hospitals for persons with mental illness shall be designated as follows:
 - a. Mental Health Institute, Independence, Iowa.
 - b. Mental Health Institute, Cherokee, Iowa.
2. a. The purpose of the mental health institutes is to operate as regional resource centers providing one or more of the following:
 - (1) Treatment, training, care, habilitation, and support of persons with mental illness or a substance abuse problem.
 - (2) Facilities, services, and other support to the communities located in the region being served by a mental health institute so as to maximize the usefulness of the mental health institutes while minimizing overall costs.
 - (3) A unit for the civil commitment of sexually violent predators committed to the custody of the director of human services pursuant to [chapter 229A](#).
- b. In addition, the mental health institutes are encouraged to act as a training resource for community-based program staff, medical students, and other participants in professional education programs.
3. A mental health institute may request the approval of the council on human services to change the name of the institution for use in communication with the public, in signage, and in other forms of communication.
4. For the purposes of [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “Administrator” means the person assigned by the director of human services to control the state mental health institutes.
 - b. “Department” means the department of human services.
 - c. “Mental health and disability services region” means a mental health and disability services region formed in accordance with [section 331.389](#).
 - d. “Regional administrator” means the regional administrator of a mental health and disability services region, as defined in [section 331.388](#).

[R60, §1471; C73, §1383; C97, §2253; S13, §2253-a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3483; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §226.1]

[96 Acts, ch 1129, §113](#); [98 Acts, ch 1155, §10](#); [2001 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 6, §33, 37](#); [2009 Acts, ch 41, §263](#); [2015 Acts, ch 69, §44](#); [2019 Acts, ch 100, §2](#)

Referred to in [§230.20](#)

Unit for civil commitment of sexually violent predators located at the mental health institute at Cherokee; [2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §131](#)